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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, the Applicants hereby call the following copending, commonly assigned document to the Examiner's attention:

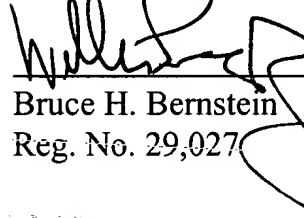
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/899,164 to NAGAMI et al., filed on July 6, 2001.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the specification, claims, and drawings of the above-mentioned co-pending application is attached hereto. The Examiner is, none-the-less, encouraged to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. If for any reason the Examiner cannot locate the application, the Applicants will provide any requested materials, if possible.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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